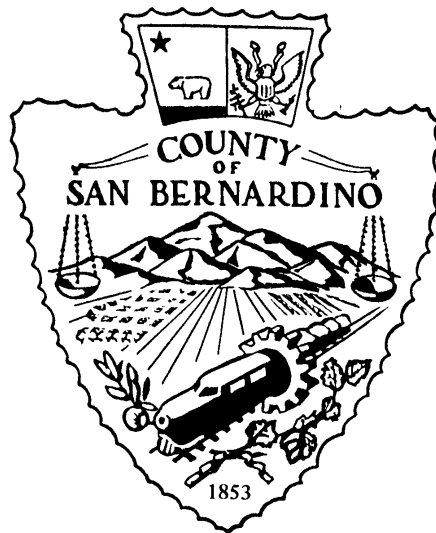


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WELCOME

Each year the County of San Bernardino receives grant funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), the HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME) programs. For the 2001-02 Program Year, which began on July 1, 2001, the County received \$8,968,000 in CDBG funds, \$281,000 in ESG funds and \$4,239,000 in HOME funds. To program the use of these funds, the County submitted a one-year Action Plan as part of its 2001-02 Consolidated Plan Grant Application to HUD.

This Annual Performance Review (APR) has been prepared to summarize the programs and projects carried out during this past year to meet the various goals and strategies outlined in the 2001-02 Consolidated Plan and in prior year plans. It is being published so that citizens will have an easy to read report on what the County accomplished and continues to accomplish using the grant funds.

This APR is presented to the County Board of Supervisors at a public hearing scheduled for September 17, 2002. A Notice of Hearing was published in 22 newspapers throughout the County on or before September 3, 2002 to announce the presentation. The public is invited to review and comment on the APR during a two-week period before the hearing and at the hearing. At the end of September, comments received will be compiled and submitted to HUD along with the combined submittal of detailed CDBG, ESG and HOME Program Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER).

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR THE 2001-2002 ACTION PLAN

INTRODUCTION

The County of San Bernardino has qualified annually since 1975, to receive federal housing and community development grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Grant funds included are for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) programs. The funds are used to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate-income persons. In 1999, the County re-qualified to receive these funds during the 2000, 2001 and 2002 fiscal years. Additionally, the City of Riverside receives Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grant funds from HUD to fund programs in both Riverside County and San Bernardino County. The City of Riverside is responsible for reporting Annual Program Performance for HOPWA activities in San Bernardino County.

The CDBG, ESG and HOME funds received by the County in 2001-02 were for eligible projects in the unincorporated communities. These funds also were available for the fourteen (14) cities that have been approved by HUD to cooperate in the County's CDBG program. These cities are Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Chino Hills, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, and the Town of Yucca Valley. For the purpose of these grant funds, this area is referred to as the County Consortium. The County Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD) has the primary responsibility of administering these grant programs. In addition to the fourteen (14) CDBG-cooperating cities, the HOME program included the cities of Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, and Victorville.

To receive the fiscal year 2001-02 CDBG, ESG, and HOME grant funds, County ECD prepared a consolidated grant application called the 2001-02 Action Plan. This plan has the purpose of implementing the second year increment of the County's 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan. On April 17, 2001, the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors approved the 2001-02 Action Plan. Upon completion of the public review period and after all comments were received and considered, the final Consolidated Plan was submitted to HUD on June 6, 2001, for funding approval.

The CDBG program offers grant funds for a wide range of projects to meet local community needs.

CDBG funds can be used to build community facilities, roads, and parks; to repair or rehabilitate housing; to provide new or increased services to local residents; or to fund initiatives that generate new jobs. In all instances, the CDBG program is governed by regulations issued by HUD. The County's CDBG program is designed to maximize public benefit while fully complying with CDBG regulations and related laws.

Emergency shelter and related services are provided to homeless persons from locations throughout the County using Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds. The County sub-grants ESG funds to homeless assistance agencies who operate shelters or provide motel vouchers. These services are coordinated through information, counseling, referral and rental assistance activities to provide a continuum of care to reduce the incidence and severity of homelessness. As with the CDBG program, the ESG program is governed by HUD regulations.

HOME funds assist in expanding and preserving the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing. The County's HOME program provides loans to non-profit agencies, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's), for-profit housing developers, rental housing owners, and homeowners for a variety of new construction, rehabilitation, substantial acquisition programs, and home ownership programs. The HOME program is carried out in accordance with HUD-issued regulations. Additionally, HOME funds provide rent subsidies and security deposit assistance to very low-income families.

During the 2001-02 program year, the County of San Bernardino entered numerous contracts to design, construct and rehabilitate public facilities and housing units, to provide public services in local communities and to create new jobs for low- and moderate-income persons. The results of these efforts, implemented by non-profit organizations, cities and County departments, are presented in this Annual Performance Review. Many programs and projects begun in 2001-02 will continue into the future. This APR also will report completed projects funded under prior year plans. In some cases, these completed projects are located in cities that now receive grant funds directly from HUD.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS UNDER THE 2001-02 ACTION PLAN

The 2001-02 Action Plan identified various housing, economic and community development strategies to meet local needs. The County used its 2001-02 and prior year funds from the HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs toward the accomplishments identified after each of the following strategies. The 2000-05 Consolidated Plan strategies are for the County's five-year consolidated plan adopted in April 2000. Several strategies in the initial plan were projected to cover a five-year period. The remaining strategies called for annual accomplishments.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ASSISTANCE

The 2001-02 Consolidated Plan identified priorities for providing assistance to increase affordable housing opportunities for low- and extremely low-income households (households earning 30 to 50 percent or less of the County median income).

Strategy 1: Expand the Supply of Affordable Housing- To provide a larger supply of housing affordable to low- and extremely low-income households.

- **Mortgage Revenue Bond/Multifamily Rental Projects**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To maintain an inventory of at least 1,500 affordable rental units which are made available to low-income families at affordable rents, by refinancing applicable existing projects whenever possible to keep units affordable, and to encourage the development of new multifamily rental units that are affordable to low-income families.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Financing for five (5) existing multifamily projects with a total of 993 units was restructured, retaining a total of 203 affordable units in the MRB multi-family rental unit inventory. One (1) existing project with a total of 140 units was sold and the bonds were paid off.

Actual Accomplishments During The First Two Years of the New Five-year Plan Period: A total of 618 affordable units were retained in the inventory of affordable bond units, meeting 41.7 percent of the five-year goal.

Comments: Through its Bond Inducement process, the County will continue to actively encourage developers to utilize MRB funds for acquisition/rehabilitation of existing non-bond properties, as well as new construction of multifamily housing. The County will also continue to refinance existing bond-funded projects as the current affordability requirements near their expiration date in order to retain affordable units in its MRB multifamily rental unit inventory. In some cases, the number of affordable units in refinanced projects may actually increase due to deeper income-targeting requirements than in the past.

- **Mortgage Revenue Bond/Single Family First-Time Homebuyer Mortgage Assistance**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To fund approximately 1,000 low-interest mortgages for low- and moderate-income families.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Single Family Home Mortgage Revenue Bond funds totaling \$7,523,058 were used in FY 01/02 to provide first-mortgage financing to 72 low- and moderate-income households.

Actual Accomplishments During First Two Years of the New Five-year Plan Period:

The goal from the previous five-year plan was to fund 500 mortgages, and during that five-year period, bond funds totaling \$61,316,949 were used to provide first mortgage financing to 579 low- and moderate-income households. A new five-year goal was set at 1,000 mortgages. Activity in the past two years has been slower than anticipated, consequently, only 20% of the new five-year goal has been met so far.

Comments: At the beginning of FY 01/02, a total of \$23,552,790 in bond funds was issued, with \$8,000,000 being made available in July of 2001 to fund first mortgages with an interest rate of 6.9%. At the time that the bonds were issued, this interest rate was attractive and the funds initially moved very quickly. However, market interest rates soon began falling and continued to drop significantly, making other mortgage products more attractive to prospective applicants, and deterring them from using the County's Program. The County had planned to refund the remaining bonds in September 2001 to be able to refresh the interest rate. The refunding was delayed until the end of the fiscal year. Only \$5,500,000 in refunding bonds were actually issued: the balance of the outstanding bonds were redeemed. The \$5,500,000 in bond proceeds became available on July 1, 2002 to fund mortgages during FY 2002/2003.

- **Extra Credit Teacher Home Purchase Program (Mortgage Revenue Bond/Single Family First-Time Homebuyer Mortgage Assistance for Teachers in Low-Performing Schools)**

Proposed Five-year Goal: The Extra Credit Teacher Home Purchase Program (ECTHPP) is a new program that was started after the beginning of FY 01/02 and was, therefore, not included in the five-year plan.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: During FY 01/02, a total of 13 loans were funded, with total principal of \$1,571,503. A total of \$97,500 in down payment assistance was also provided in conjunction with the mortgage loans.

Actual Accomplishments During First Two Years of the New Five-year Plan Period:

In 2000, the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC) released guidelines for a new supplemental Mortgage Revenue Bond-funded First-Time Homebuyer Program designed to provide funding for first mortgage loans and down payment assistance for qualified teachers and principals who commit to serve in a low-performing school for five years. On December 8, 2000, the County issued \$14,235,000 in tax-exempt bonds to fund first mortgages with an interest rate of 7.25%, and to provide \$7,500 in down payment and closing cost assistance in conjunction with each first mortgage loan. On January 1, 2001

the County implemented its local Extra Credit Teacher Home Purchase Program. By June 30, 2002 a total of 19 ECTHPP loans totaling \$2,342,945 had been funded, utilizing 16% of the bonds proceeds for this program.

Comments: A few months prior to issuance of the bonds, the County began its marketing efforts, and there was a favorable response to the proposed Program.

The interest rate was attractive at the time that the ECTHPP bonds were issued, and was competitive with other programs, including the County Single Family Home Mortgage Revenue Bond Program. However, when the County's ECTHPP was implemented, market interest rates were beginning to drop, and in the ensuing months continued to drop significantly while the ECTHPP interest rate remained at 7.25%. This has made other mortgage products more attractive to prospective applicants, and has deterred many eligible teachers from using the County's ECTHPP. Further competition was introduced when the California Housing Finance Agency implemented a statewide ECTHPP which had an interest rate that at one point during FY 2001/2002 dropped as low as 5.25%. During FY 2001/2002, CDLAC proposed several changes to the guidelines for the ECTHPP, and the County provided comments on the proposed changes. The future of the County's ECTHPP will depend on the final changes that will actually be implemented by CDLAC in FY 2002/2003.

- **California Cities Home Ownership Authority (CCHOA) Lease Purchase Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To fund at least 200 low-interest mortgages for low- and moderate-income families.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: In FY 01/02, CCHOA used \$5,394,633 to purchase 39 homes throughout the County under the Lease-Purchase Program.

Actual Accomplishments During First Two Years of the New Five-year Plan Period: The California Cities Home Ownership Authority (CCHOA) Lease Purchase Program was implemented in the County of San Bernardino in February of 2000. By the time that the loan origination period ended in February 2001 for the first set of bonds issued in 1998, a total of 84 households throughout the County had been assisted. On June 21, 2001, CCHOA sold \$55,000,000 in new bonds. This new funding became available on July 1, 2001 to be used by CCHOA to originate mortgage loans over a two year period. The County anticipates that the five-year goal will be met by the end of FY 02/03, and that over the five-year plan period, more than 500 households will have utilized the CCHOA Lease Purchase Program.

Comments: The CCHOA Lease Purchase Program is available to anyone who does not own a home, not just first-time homebuyers. It is also available to households at higher income limits than the County's Single Family Home Mortgage Revenue Bond and Extra Credit Teacher Home Purchase Programs and its HOME Homeownership Assistance Program. The CCHOA Lease Purchase Program allows households which have experienced credit problems in the past to qualify based on current income and a good one-year rent payment history. CCHOA provides credit counseling to participants to ensure that they will qualify to assume the mortgage at the end of the lease-purchase period.

- **Fannie Mae Down Payment Assistance Investment Note (DPAIN) Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: The Fannie Mae Down Payment Assistance Investment Note (DPAIN) Program was a pilot program that was started after the beginning of FY 01/02 and was therefore not included in the five-year plan.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: This Program was implemented with funding from a \$500,000 note that was issued on January 25, 2001. The funds were to be used to provide funds for down payment and closing costs under 10-year amortized second mortgages at 6.9% for purchasers of new homes. Because there had been no reservations placed against the available funds by the participating developers, the Program expired during FY 01/02.

- **HOME/Homeownership Assistance Program (HAP)**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To assist 200 low-income homebuyers with down payments and closing costs.

Proposed FY 01/02 Second-year Action Plan: To use \$1,000,000 to assist 50 households.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Used \$874,600 to assist 41 households.

Actual Accomplishments During the Second Year of the New Five-year Plan Period: 20% of the five-year goal was met during the second year. The average amount of assistance was approximately \$21,332 per household.

Comments: : During the previous five-year plan period a total of \$5,294,900 was used to assist 260 households; meeting ninety five percent of the previous five-year goal to serve 275 households. Since average assistance was slightly over \$20,000 per household, and with annual allocations of \$1,000,000 per year, less than 250 loans would be expected to be funded over the new five-year plan period. Anticipating an increase in the average amount of assistance, the new five-year goal was reduced to 200. Some prior year funds were still available at the end of FY 01/02, which should allow the five-year goal to be exceeded if demand for the program continues as expected. Furthermore, additional HOME funds may be reallocated to HAP if demand for the program increases significantly over the next few years.

Strategy 2: Assist in Reducing Housing Costs to Extremely Low- and Low-Income Households - To narrow the gap between housing costs and income through the use of demand-based direct assistance.

- **HOME Tenant-Based Assistance/Monthly Rental Subsidy Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To provide ongoing monthly assistance to 100 low-income and extremely low-income households having a disabled family member or other urgent housing need.

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: To use \$400,000 to assist 50 households.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Used \$686,625 to assist 244 households; 162 participants were already active and eligible to receive ongoing assistance in FY 01/02 and 82 were new participants added during FY 01/02. Only 57 existing participants were active for the entire year; 105 existing participants, and 32 new participants had become inactive by the end of FY 01/02. A total of 107 participants remained active at the end of FY 01/02 and eligible to receive ongoing assistance in FY 02/03.

Actual Accomplishments During First Two Years of The Five-year Plan Period: HOME TBA funds assisted 302 households, exceeding the five-year goal to assist 100 households. The County has authorized the Housing Authority to increase the number of active participants to between 200-250 as funding allows.

Comments: During the previous five-year plan period, which ended on June 30, 2000, the monthly subsidy program provided interim assistance to persons whose names were on the Section 8 Aftercare Waiting List. A steadily increasing supply of alternate rental assistance vouchers for persons that would otherwise be eligible to be added to the Aftercare Waiting List has allowed many of those persons to receive rental assistance without being added to the Aftercare list. A significant number of Shelter Plus Care, Aftercare and Mainstream vouchers are now available to the Housing Authority. During FY 01/02, a number of existing HOME TBA participants were transitioned to either one of those programs or to the regular Section 8 Program.

The County had planned for updated and expanded selection criteria for the HOME TBA Monthly Subsidy Program to be implemented in FY 01/02 and for a brief period of time, referrals of households with urgent special needs were made by ECD. During FY 02/03, ECD hopes to work with the Housing Authority to develop selection criteria to address urgent high-priority needs that cannot be addressed in a timely manner through other forms of rental assistance available to address special needs.

- **HOME Tenant-Based Assistance/Security Deposit Assistance Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To provide security deposits on rental housing and tenant-paid utilities to 1,000 low-income and extremely low-income households.

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: To use \$200,000 to assist 200 households.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Used \$361,364.50 to assist 434 households with rental deposits only. Households that received security deposit assistance, included participants in the HOME TBA monthly subsidy program, and households selected from the

Section 8 Waiting List who were offered Welfare-To-Work vouchers, as well as participants in various special rental assistance programs administered by the Housing Authority.

Actual Accomplishments During The First Two Years of the New Five-year Plan Period: The five-year goal was exceeded during the first year of administration by the Housing Authority. This program has had a positive impact on tenants, owners and the Housing Authority.

Strategy 3: Preserve the Existing Housing Stock and Affordable Units - To maintain the quality of the existing housing inventory.

- **HOME Rental Property Program (Rental Rehabilitation & CHDO)**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To provide low interest rate loans to property owners for rehabilitation of multi-family and/or single family rental units to be rented to income-eligible tenants at affordable rents. To encourage all certified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to direct their activities toward extremely low- and low-income special needs households by providing affordable housing for homeless families, large families and appropriate elderly and disabled households.

Proposed FY 01/02 Second-Year Action Plan: To use at least \$1,715,000 of HOME Program funds to construct, acquire, and/or rehabilitate CHDO-owned affordable rental housing projects.

Actual Accomplishments During The Second Year of the New Five-year Plan Period: Three programs were funded during the 2001-02 program year. The first loan, in the amount of \$200,000 was used to assist in acquisition and rehabilitation of 7 units of affordable housing in Rialto. The second loan, in the amount of \$300,000 was used to acquire and rehabilitate 4 units of affordable housing in Victorville. The third loan, in the amount of \$95,000 is being used to assist the CHDO with pre-development costs associated with a 125 unit affordable housing project in Loma Linda. Fifteen CHDOs have been certified since the HOME Program was first implemented in this County. Twelve existing CHDOs are currently recertified, and zero CHDO recertifications are pending.

Comments: Demand for rental rehab funding by private owners continues to fluctuate, therefore as the need arises to increase support to CHDO rental projects, the unused allocation of rental rehabilitation funds are reallocated for use by CHDOs. This continues to result in assistance to CHDO projects in excess of the required 15 percent set-aside of the HOME grant to be made available only to CHDOs, and has generated increased interest among private and non-profit affordable housing developers to become CHDOs. CHDO funds are used to finance new construction, acquisition, and/or rehabilitation of rental properties. Based on the amount of HOME CHDO and Rental Property Acquisition and/or Rehabilitation Program funds used in the County, the five-year goals for providing affordable rental housing should be met.

- **HOME Rental Property Rehabilitation/Refinance Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: This program was developed in response to expressed demand from the local development community, and pursuant to the HOME Program Regulations, and the guidelines specified in Section III, 1999-2000 ACTION PLAN, therefore no prior five-year goal had been set.

Proposed FY 01/02 Second-year Action Plan: HOME funds in the amount of \$250,000 were budgeted for FY 01/02 to provide refinancing assistance to owners of affordable rental housing projects where the primary affordable housing activity to be funded would be rehabilitation of approximately 15 rental units.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: One loan was issued in 2001-02. The loan, in the amount of \$40,000 was used to rehabilitate two units of affordable housing in Lake Arrowhead.

Comments: The County has managed a highly successful HOME Rental Property Acquisition and/or Rehabilitation Program since receiving its initial HOME Program Grant. The Final HOME Program Rule allows the HOME Program Grant recipient discretion in using HOME Program funds to refinance existing debt, so long as the primary affordable housing activity to be funded is rehabilitation. The County determined that the use of HOME Program funds to refinance affordable, multi-family housing rehabilitation is vital to the continued availability of affordable housing, particularly with the resurgence in the area economy, and responded to expressed demand for this type of assistance by designing a new HOME-funded program to fill that need. This program has the potential to create additional affordable housing opportunities while maintaining the existing affordable housing stock; however, to date, no applications for this type of HOME assistance have been submitted for consideration.

- **CDBG Single-Family Homeowner Rehabilitation Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To provide CDBG funded low-interest rate loans to 200 low- and moderate-income homeowners for the purpose of bringing their residences up to minimum housing standards.

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: To use \$961,480 to assist 40 low- and moderate-income households.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Spent \$250,460 including loan delivery staff costs to assist 16 low- and moderate-income households.

Actual Accomplishments During the First Two Years of the New Five-year Plan: \$340,761 has been disbursed to assist 27 households. This is significantly short of our goal. **Comments:** HUD-required lead based paint hazard reduction continues to impede production in the rehabilitation program. The process of obtaining a risk Assessment or Lead Survey has added considerable time to the loan packaging process. The availability of lead certified contractors is limited. Some applicants were not interested in proceeding

with the Risk Assessment process and declined assistance.

SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING ASSISTANCE

The 2001-2002 Consolidated Plan identified priorities for allocating assistance to accommodate the housing needs of lower income special needs groups, including the elderly, large households and disabled persons.

Strategy 1: Facilitate Development/Rehabilitation for Special Needs Housing - To increase the supply and improve the quality of housing for persons who have limited or fixed incomes, and consequently are severely affected by rising housing costs.

- **CDBG Senior Repair Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To provide CDBG funds to 1,650 extremely low-, low- and moderate-income senior citizens and disabled persons for the purpose of providing a one-time grant to repair owner-occupied homes.

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: To use \$900,000 to assist 333 extremely low-, low- and moderate-income senior and/or disabled households.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Used \$1,305,604 to assist 382 households. The average grant was \$2,100 per household.

Actual Accomplishments During the First Two Years of the New Five-year Plan Period: The new five-year goal represents an increase of 10% over the previous five-year goal. 43% percent of the new five-year goal was met.

Comments: Maximum County Facilities Management Department staffing has significantly reduced the backlog of repair requests. This has allowed a proportionate share of the new five-year goal to be met

- **Priority in Multi-Family Rehabilitation for Barrier-Free Housing**

Proposed Five-year Goal: To give first priority to applications for low-interest rehabilitation loans involving projects containing 10% or more units which are designed to be accessible to the disabled.

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: This is a policy, not a program. Therefore the Action Plan contained no stated funding amounts nor proposed accomplishments.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: No proposals for multi-family rehabilitation projects with 10% or more handicapped accessible units were received.

Actual Accomplishments During the First Two Years of the New Five-year Plan Period: No proposals for multi-family rehabilitation projects with 10% or more handicapped accessible units were received in the past five years. However, affordable multifamily CHDO projects primarily to serve the senior population continue to be proposed and funded

with HOME monies. These projects have included both new construction, and existing developments, which contain numerous handicapped accessibility features.

Comments: Handicapped accessible units and features continue to be provided in many of the HOME-assisted rental projects undertaken in this County, however, no proposed projects have specifically designated 10% or more of the units for handicapped tenants.

Strategy 2: Affirmatively Further Fair Housing to Ensure Equal Access to Housing for Special Needs Groups

- **Fair Housing Program**

Proposed Five-year Goal: The Strategic Plan included a listing of various fair housing services to be provided, but did not quantify the number of persons to be served by each activity or in total.

Proposed FY 01/02 Second-year Action Plan: A total of \$138,000 of CDBG funds was allocated for activities that affirmatively further fair housing. The components of this allocation in the FY 01/02 Second-year Action Plan were as follows:

- \$90,000 was allocated to provide fair housing compliance activities, including discrimination investigation, education, and promotional material to 3,500 residents throughout the County Consortium.
- \$48,000 was allocated to provide tenant/landlord mediation dispute services to 2000 people (residents and property managers) throughout the County Consortium.
- \$3,000 was allocated to provide education, outreach, counseling, mediation and referral services to low- and moderate-income residents of mobile home parks in the City of Montclair.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: A total of \$112,914 was spent under contracts with the Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board, Inc., (IFHMB) to affirmatively further fair housing and to mediate disputes between landlords and their tenants, throughout the County Consortium. Additionally, \$3,000 was spent under a contract with the IFHMB to provide mobile home outreach and medication services in the City of Montclair. A variety of activities were performed as noted below, including activities from each of the two general fair housing categories listed above.

- Disseminated 12,477 fair housing brochures/flyers to the public and private agencies and community groups.
- Provided educational presentations, and outreach activities, as well as information and referral services, to low- and moderate-income households in San Bernardino County.
- Fair Housing Workshops were presented to 604 attendees from the housing industry, government, and community groups
- Comprehensive fair housing training, education, counseling, advertising, and marketing services were also provided to ensure the right of all people to choose freely where they want and can afford to live

- Landlord/tenant counseling and mediation services and education on fair housing laws were provided to resolve questions and avoid disputes over evictions, deposit returns, substandard conditions and other renter/rental matters.
- Implemented the goals and actions to overcome the effects of identified impediments to fair housing choice

A total of 110 households were reported to have benefited from fair housing compliance activities, another 604 attendees were reported to have benefited from fair housing workshops conducted with property management groups, and a total of 2,907 persons were reported to have benefited from landlord/tenant mediation activities.

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND ASSISTANCE

The 2001-2002 Consolidated Plan identified priorities for allocating assistance to address the needs of homeless individuals and families in the County. Top priority was given to development of a Continuum of Care System to alleviate homelessness through a community-based process that provides a comprehensive response to the different needs of homeless individuals and families.

Strategy 1: Implement a Continuum of Care System - To offer a comprehensive response to the various needs of homeless individuals and families through: 1) outreach and assessment of needs, 2) provision of safe shelter, 3) provision of transitional housing and supportive services, and 4) permanent housing.

- **Homeless Shelter Services**

Proposed FY 01/02 Second-year Action Plan: Use \$268,000 in Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds to provide 27,000 cold-weather shelter-nights of emergency shelter services to homeless individuals and families during the 2001-2002 program year within the County Consortium. Use \$48,950 in CDBG funds, provide shelter and related services to approximately 4,850 persons.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: \$247,250 of ESG funds were spent under contracts with nine (9) non-profit agencies to provide 23,895 cold-weather shelter nights. The agencies receiving E SG funds include: Catholic Charities, Desert Manna Ministries, Family Services Association, Frazee Community Center, High Desert Homeless Services, Homeless Outreach Programs and Education, Option House, Salvation Army and Victor Valley Domestic Violence. Approximately \$41,415 of CDBG funds were used by eight (8) non-profit agencies to provide shelter and related services to the homeless. Over 4,430 homeless persons were assisted. The agencies receiving these CDBG funds include: Eternal Light Ministries in Big Bear Lake, Family Services Association in Redlands, Inland Temporary Homes in Loma Linda, Home of Neighborly Services in San Bernardino, and High Desert Homeless Services in Victorville.

- **Homelessness Prevention**

Proposed FY 01/02 Second-year Action Plan: Provide \$43,000 in ESG funds for homelessness prevention services to families at risk of becoming homeless.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Family Service Association of Redlands and Catholic Charities of San Bernardino received ESG funds to provide rental assistance to families. ESG funds totaling \$30,000 were used to provide rental assistance to families. Family Services assisted 43 families during 2001-2002. A total of 6,715 shelter nights were reported.

- **Domestic Violence Shelter Service**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Provide domestic violence services and outreach throughout the County consortium; and, domestic violence transitional housing and shelter services.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: More than \$104,661 of CDBG funds were spent under contract with seven (7) non-profit agencies to provide shelter and related services to over 1,753 women and their children. The agencies involved include: DOVES in Big Bear Valley, Haley House in Barstow, High Desert Domestic Violence in Victorville, House of Ruth in Pomona, Morongo Basin Unity Home in Joshua Tree, Option House in San Bernardino, High Desert Domestic Violence and Victor Valley Domestic Violence Services (A Better Way Shelter) in Victorville.

NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE PROGRAM

With the passage of H.R. 2158 the County of San Bernardino was awarded a \$15,000,000 Neighborhood Initiative grant to *"improve the conditions of distressed and blighted neighborhoods or areas"*. Since then the Department of Economic and Community Development has been working diligently with the three cities involved (Highland, Redlands and San Bernardino) on the development and implementation of this national pilot program. The County has forged partnerships with private and public, non-profit and for profit entities in order to ensure all available resources are maximized to the fullest extent possible in improving the conditions of blighted neighborhoods.

A major component of the Neighborhood Initiative Program is the purchase of FHA owned properties. The County of San Bernardino was the first in the nation to enter into an agreement with FHA utilizing FHA's disposition guidelines as spelled by Congress under H.R. 4194, which established the concept of a "preferred purchaser" buying all of FHA owned properties in a specific area known as an Asset Control Area. This agreement was entered into on December 7, 1999. These Asset Control Areas have a high concentration of FHA owned properties. These vacant, dilapidated properties have had a strong negative impact on these areas. By rehabilitating and selling these properties to owner-occupants, a major, if not the biggest, cause of blight in that specific area is eliminated.

Proposed Five-year Goal: To acquire and rehabilitate approximately 950 vacant and

distressed single-family properties consisting of repossessed homes obtained from HUD. **Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments:** 340 homes were purchased, rehabilitated, and resold to low-and moderate-income families under the Neighborhood Initiative Program. **Actual Accomplishments During the Two Years of the New Five-year Plan Period:** The County of San Bernardino started taking title to FHA owned properties on March 4, 2000. As of June 30, 2002, there were 579 FHA owned properties in the County's Asset Control Areas, of which the County held title to 579. By June 30, 2002, the County had purchased from FHA, rehabilitated and sold, 340 properties. An additional 10 properties were in escrow, with an additional 8 properties for sale on the open market. Additionally, the City of San Bernardino purchased 135 properties from the County as part of their Acquisition, Rehabilitation, and Resale program. Three (3) properties were donated to Neighborhood Housing Services.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANTS

The County of San Bernardino received four Economic Development Initiative Grants totaling \$500,000. The grants were for Fogelsong Park wading pool in Barstow, the Hall of Paleontology at the County Museum (second grant), a baseball/softball public park complex at Spring Valley Lake (second grant), and the Big Bear Moonridge Zoo relocation. The County of San Bernardino previously received 9 Economic Development Initiative Grants totaling \$2,382,463. The County of San Bernardino sends report back to Washington D.C. every six months as to the status of each grant. The grants are 1) County's Shack Attack program, 2) Running Springs Revitalization, 3) Park for Running Springs area, 4) Rehabilitation of pool at Fogelsong Park, 5) Walking and Biking Trails along the Mojave River, 6) Soccer Fields in Yucaipa, 7) Route 66 roadway signage, 8) baseball/softball public park complex at Spring Valley Lake (first grant), 9) the Hall of Paleontology at the County Museum (first grant).

NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The 2001-02 Consolidated Plan identified priorities for allocating assistance to improvement of community facilities, infrastructure, public services, accessibility for handicapped persons, historic properties, economic development programs, and code enforcement activities in the County Consortium area.

During the next one (1) to five (5) years, the county hopes to accomplish the following activities to benefit residents of cooperating cities and unincorporated county areas. Some of these are ongoing projects which were initiated during the prior five-year Consolidated Plan.

Strategy 1: Public Facilities - Improve the health and welfare of target neighborhoods and augment the availability of needed local services to low- and moderate-income persons. Accomplish this through provisions for quality public facilities, which are responsive to the unique character and differing needs of individual neighborhoods and the social service requirements of the low- and moderate-income residents therein.

- **Senior Center Improvements**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Construct senior citizen center facility rehabilitation projects including building exterior reconstruction and re-roofing improvements.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Over \$136,464 of CDBG funds were used to fund eighteen (18) projects to construct or improve sixteen (16) senior citizen centers. Projects completed during the year include installation of new flooring at the North Norton Community Senior Center, re-roofing of the Hinkley Senior Center, installation of new flooring at the Wrightwood Senior Center, installation of a replacement freezer at the Lytle Creek Senior Center, and purchase and installation of ceiling and ventilation improvements at the Pinon Hills Senior Center. Construction of the Loma Linda Senior Center was underway. Project scope development and environmental review was underway for the Needles Senior Center Emergency Generator, the Yucaipa Senior Center Facility Upgrades project, the Morongo Basin Adult Health Services, Health Center Therapy Pool Reconstruction project, the Chino Senior Center Courtyard Enclosures project, the Yucaipa Parking Lot Reconstruction project, the Pinon Hills Senior Center Parking Lot Reconstruction project, and the Lucerne Valley Senior Center Parking Lot Lighting Improvements project. Additionally, an Emergency Storage Container for the Phelan Senior Center was purchased and will be delivered for installation during the next fiscal year. Final expenditures were made on the completed Yucaipa Senior Center Roof Reconstruction project.

- **Community Center Improvements**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Construct neighborhood facility projects including picnic shelters, installation of emergency generators, air conditioning installation, building additions, installation of replacement doors, and ADA compliant restroom improvements.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Nearly \$194,000 of CDBG funds were spent on improvements at seventeen (17) neighborhood centers. Work completed includes: installation of perimeter sidewalks around the Yucca Mesa Community Center, purchase and installation of an emergency generator at the Copper Mountain Mesa Community Center, installation of modular classroom units at the PAL Center in Muscoy, rehabilitation of the Y-Alliance in Redlands for conversion of kitchen to commercial use capabilities, construction of facility improvements to the Redlands Community Center, construction of a picnic shelter at the Copper Mountain Mesa Community Center, final payments made on completion of the Joshua Tree Community Center air conditioning improvements project.

Additionally, the following projects were under construction and awaiting payment of final costs. Construction of handicap-accessible entry and parking at the Johnson Valley Association Community Center, Construction of patio roof structures and entrances and replacement doors at the Yucca Mesa Community Center, construction of a 2,500 square foot expansion of the High-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley. Additionally, design work was underway for the expansion of the Adelanto Community Center.

The scope of work or environmental review was under development for the Chino Theatre Renovation project, the YWCA of the West End Facility Rehabilitation project in Ontario, installation of an ice making machine at the Landers Association Community facility, for installation of heating/AC units at the PAL Center Community Room, and for installation of a modular classroom unit at the PAL Center in Muscoy.

- **Child Care Center Improvements**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Construct child care facility projects including building rehabilitation and classroom expansion improvements.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Approximately \$50,445 of CDBG funds were spent for completing the installation of window mounted heating and air conditioning units at the Desert Sanctuary Child Care Center in Barstow, installation of three (3) modular child care units including ADA restroom improvements, carpeting, flooring and cabinets at the Teddy Bear Tymes Child Care facility in the City of San Bernardino, and identification of sewer line problem at the Sarah's House Child Care Facility in the City of San Bernardino.

The project for the remodeling and conversion of restrooms for children and adult handicapped accessibility at the Rainbow Kids after-school child care facility in the City of Big Bear Lake was under construction. Design was completed for the Reche Canyon Elementary School and the Wilson Elementary School Child Care modular units, both in Colton, for bidding and construction during the next fiscal year.

The scope of work for the YMCA modular child care classroom project in Highland, and The Book of Acts Child Care Center rehabilitation project also in Highland continued to be under review.

- **Youth Center Improvements**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Construct youth center projects including restroom rehabilitation improvements.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Gymnasium flooring was installed at the Boys and Girls Club of San Bernardino facility utilizing \$10,000, and \$50,000 of additional costs will be reimbursed during the next fiscal year. Additionally, construction of kitchen improvements at the Yucca Valley Boys and Girls Club facility was completed utilizing \$76,739.

- **Park and Recreation Facility Improvements**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Construct park and recreation projects including installation of playground equipment, ADA compliant surfacing, and sprinkler systems; rehabilitation of restroom and kitchen facilities; resurfacing of play fields; rehabilitation of swimming pools; construction of snack bars, parking lots, picnic shelters, restrooms, youth sports facilities and playgrounds; and, installation of backstops, fencing, dugouts and bleachers.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: CDBG funds totaling \$540,194 were spent to complete eight (8) park and recreation facility improvement projects. The following projects were completed during fiscal year 2001-02: Interior and perimeter fencing and gates installed at Paradise Park in Yucca Valley, installation of irrigation and ballfield improvements at the Homestead Valley Park, purchase and installation of athletic field lighting for soccer fields at Luckie Park in Twentynine Palms, installation of sod for soccer field at Yucca Valley Youth Sports Park, construction of curb, gutter, sidewalks, parking, handicap-accessible wheelchair ramps and field lighting installed at Seventh Street Park in Yucaipa, installation of playground equipment at Lucerne Valley Elementary School, construction of a restroom facility at the Yermo Sports Park, and installation of baseball field facility improvements at Newberry Springs Park.

Additionally, the following projects were under construction: Ballfield and lighting improvements at Texonia Park in Redlands, installation of replacement flooring at the Twentynine Palms Junior High School gymnasium, construction of youth baseball playing field improvements at Blake Little League field in Muscoy, preparation of the site for new playground equipment to be installed at Jasper Park in Lynwood-Grandview, park surface and lighting improvements to the Coyote BMX Skate Park in the Town of Yucca Valley, upgrade and replacement of swimming pool underwater lights, and multipurpose court resurfacing and lighting at the Seventh Street Park in Yucaipa, resurfacing of tennis courts and gymnasium floor at the Barstow Community Center.

Design work was underway for the following projects: Construction of restrooms, snack bar, storage and bleachers at Essex Park in South Montclair, installation of soccer field lights and replacement baseball field lighting at Richardson Park in Adelanto, and construction of a ten acre park including soccer fields, tennis courts, community center and restrooms in the City of Adelanto, and construction of snack bar and utility building for the Homestead Valley Park ballfield.

Construction bid packages were prepared for installation of fencing and landscape improvements to Desert Christ Park in Yucca Valley, construction of jogging and exercise path and softball dugouts, and playground equipment improvements at the Yucca Valley Youth Sports Park, and parking lot improvements at the Tri-Valley Ballpark also in Yucca Valley.

Environmental reviews were begun or conducted for: construction of restrooms/walkways

and picnic shelters at Ayala Park in Bloomington, installation of park bleachers at Texonia Park in Redlands, construction of irrigation, kitchen and restroom improvements at the Highland Little League field, and picnic shelter and field improvements to Kessler Park in Bloomington.

The scope of work was under review for the development of the new Bucky Bucklin Community Park in Twentynine Palms, and construction of restrooms and walkways at High Desert Park in Yucca Valley.

- **Fire Station Improvements**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Construct fire station rehabilitation projects and fire station addition projects, and purchase fire fighting equipment.

Actual 01/02 Accomplishments: CDBG funds totaling nearly \$191,978 were used to reimburse costs that were incurred to improve two (2) fire station facilities and to acquire emergency equipment for two (2) fire stations. This includes installation of a one thousand gallon above-ground fuel tank adjacent to the Harvard Fire Station #46, rehabilitation improvements to the Lucerne Valley Fire Station including drywall installation, replacement of windows and interior painting, and purchase and installation of a 38,000 watt Diesel generator for the Wonder Valley Fire Station, and purchase of a defibrillator and other fire fighting equipment for the Newberry Springs Fire Station.

Additionally, seismic retrofit improvements to Fire Station #21 in the City of Redlands were under construction, and construction began on the installation of a vehicle exhaust extraction system for the apparatus bay in the Hinkley Fire Station. Bids were received for installation of a water well and holding tank at County Fire Station #21 at Earp. However, the low bid exceeded the budget by \$27,000.

- **Social Care Facility Improvements**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Construct kitchen improvements to facilities that provide services to severely disabled adults, transitional housing facilities for homeless women, and domestic-violence-shelter rehabilitation improvements.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Over \$44,791 in CDBG funds will be paid in FY 2002-03 to reimburse costs for completing four (4) facility improvement projects. These projects are installation of playground equipment and related surfacing at the Inland Temporary Homes Family Homeless Shelter in Loma Linda, construction of 1,0000 square feet of concrete sidewalk and patio area, and swimming pool ceiling improvements at the Center for Individual Development in the City of San Bernardino, installation of carport and concrete parking lot improvements at the High Desert Homeless Shelter in Victorville.

Additionally, design of playground equipment at the Salvation Army Social Services in Redlands was completed, and bid documents for construction for replacement of fencing, patio cover, and exterior painting of the Haley House Domestic Violence Shelter in Barstow

were completed.

Environmental review and design has been completed for the following projects: Construction of expanded parking lot and kitchen facility improvements at the Ontario/Pomona Association for Retarded Citizens (OPARC) Monte Vista facility in Montclair, renovation of the Family Service Association of San Bernardino social care facility in Crestline, purchase and installation of communication equipment and telephone lines in the Al Shifa Health Clinic in Muscoy, construction of sewer and water main improvements to the Family Service Association social care facility in Redlands, and a second phase of facility improvements to the Victor Valley Domestic Violence Shelter, and assistance with down payment on acquisition of the Operation Breakthrough Substance Abuse Counseling facility in the City of Big Bear Lake, installation of new heating/cooling equipment at the Haley House Domestic Violence Shelter in Barstow, and rehabilitation improvements to the Lucerne Valley Domestic Violence Shelter.

Strategy 2: Infrastructure Improvements - Improve the safety and livability of target neighborhoods and provide economic development growth incentives by upgrading, replacing or developing necessary infrastructure systems in response to the priority needs of individual communities and the requirements of economic development programs.

- **Drainage Improvements**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Construct storm drain improvement projects.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: CDBG funds totaling over \$139,573 were used to complete construction of 602 linear feet of curb, gutter and drainage improvements to replace an existing dip section at Deseret Avenue in the City of Barstow. Design was completed for curb, gutter, sidewalk, lighting, paving and storm drain improvements at various locations in the Los Serranos neighborhood in the City of Chino Hills. City staff took steps to determine the scope of work for three storm drain improvement projects in the City of Yucaipa.

- **Street Improvements**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Construct new streets and reconstruct roads; construct trash enclosures; install street name signs, and pave dirt roads.

Actual FY 01-02 Accomplishments: Over \$416,334 of CDBG funds were spent on five (5) street improvement projects. Completed projects resulted in improvements to more than fifteen (15) streets. In the City of Needles, 415 linear feet of curb, gutter, sidewalk and 135 linear feet of valley gutters were constructed from Duke Watkins Park to the Hospitality Lane parking lot. This includes handicap ramps at three locations. In the City of Loma Linda 1,280 linear feet of asphalt was laid to repave Coloma Street from Redlands Boulevard to Cottage Avenue. Damaged curb, gutter and sidewalks were reconstructed at various locations in the City of Rialto.

Construction was underway for curb, gutter, sidewalk and alleyway approach improvements along Sun Avenue in the City of Redlands. Design and paving of one half mile of roadway along Chamisil and Milton Road in El Mirage. Construction began on resurfacing on Second Street in Daggett. The Town of Yucca Valley began installing 172 street name signs. The City of Colton has awarded a design contract for preparation of construction documents, specifications and costs estimates for construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk and wheelchair ramps including match-up AC paving in the area bounded by Third and Seventh Streets and "K" Street, rehabilitation of deteriorated paving on Miller Drive north of Laurel Street and in the area bounded by Vermont, Monroe and Walters on the east, west and north respectively, and for construction of paved alleyways and drainage improvements in the neighborhood bounded by Mt. Vernon, "H" Street, 13th Street and "E" Street. The Town of Yucca Valley has completed design and bidding for construction of streetscape improvements at the intersection of Pioneertown Road and State Rte. 62. The City of Loma Linda completed design of curb, gutter, sidewalk and paving improvements including expanding to 66 feet of right-of-way along Poplar Street between Redlands Boulevard and Van Leuvan Avenue. The Morongo Transit Authority purchased and installed bus stop shelters along State Route 62 in Twentynine Palms and the Town of Yucca Valley.

Environmental review was completed for installation of road name signs at various intersections in First Supervisorial District low-mod target areas, for construction of curb, gutter and sidewalk in-fill improvements along the north side of Arrow Route from Reseda to Redwood Avenue in West Fontana, for construction of curb, gutter and sidewalk miscellaneous paving work in the City of Montclair.

- **Sidewalk Improvements/Neighborhood Revitalization**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Construct curb, gutter and sidewalk projects including construction of missing segments.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: CDBG funds totaling \$490,560 were used to reimburse costs on five (5) completed projects. In the City of Chino Hills, 2,270 square feet of driveway approaches, 5,050 square feet of driveway right-of-ways, 1,975 square feet of curb and gutter, 5,480 square feet of sidewalk and 970 square feet of wheelchair ramps were constructed along Descanso Avenue from Pipeline to Sierra Vista Drive. In the City of Montclair, construction was completed on revitalization improvements to Pradera Street, including trash enclosures, curbs, gutters, landscaping, irrigation, and security fencing. Also in the City of Montclair, construction was completed on neighborhood revitalization improvements including construction of 6,700 linear feet of sidewalk, 4,500 linear feet of curb and gutter, 1,600 linear feet of cross gutters, 3,600 linear feet of alley approaches, 1,500 square feet of wheelchair ramps, and 25 trash enclosures. These improvements are located along three alleyways in the City of Montclair's Target Area 11, bounded by Mills Avenue, Interstate 10, Ramona Avenue and San Jose Street. In the City of Redlands, construction was completed to replace damaged sidewalks and construct new sidewalks at nineteen locations, including installation of one (1) traffic control system, 875 linear feet of

curb and gutter, and 1,500 square feet of sidewalk.

Additionally, a 16,640 square foot parking lot was constructed at Newmark Elementary School in the Arrowhead Suburban Farms community. A parking lot providing eight spaces for the Landers Community Center was completed and sidewalks will be under construction next year. Design work for repaving of parking lot at Covington Park was underway. Environmental review was completed for construction of ADA-compliant parking improvements at Sequoia Middle School Park in Fontana.

Environmental review was conducted for construction of walkways along Lake Drive in Crestline, and for construction of trash enclosures in the City of Montclair. Additionally, the City of Highland was determining the scope of work for construction of curb, gutter, and sidewalk improvements including driveway approaches and handicap ramps and match-up pavement along the north side of 9th Street.

Strategy 3: Public Services - Develop a diverse network of needed services directed toward enhancing the health, safety and overall well-being of low- and moderate-income persons and persons with special needs, through provisions for creating, improving and expanding quality public and private human service programs.

- **Senior Citizen Services**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Provide “Meals on Wheels” nutrition services, senior social services, in-home assistance to senior citizens, home repair services for senior citizens, grocery shopping assistance, health and therapy services, congregate and home-delivered meal services, life enrichment education, senior visitation and referral services, transportation services for senior citizens, and computer education services for senior citizens.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Nearly \$225,710 of CDBG funds were spent to assist twenty-one (21) agencies providing services to seniors. These agencies reported assisting more than 5,734 seniors during the year. The agencies assisted include: The Red Mountain Senior Center, Christmas in April, the Mojave Valley Senior Citizens Club in Barstow, Elder Protection Services (‘Shoppin’ 4 Seniors’), Morongo Basin Adult Health Services (MBAHS), City of Needles, Highland District Council on Aging, Oldtimers Foundation, and the City of Chino and City of Montclair. The Department of Adult and Aging Services provided nutrition and outreach through senior centers in Big River, Hinkley, Victor Valley, Montclair, Colton, Yucaipa, Loma Linda and Joshua Tree. Senior outreach nutrition services were provided in Wrightwood, Phelan, Pinon Hills, and El Mirage by the Special Districts Department and in Crestline by the Regional Parks Department. Senior meals and transportation services were provided by the Searles Community Services Council. Frail, elderly, and disabled person received in-home services from Reach Out29.

- **Disabled Persons Services**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Provide transportation services for students with disabilities to receive vocational training, interpreter assistance for deaf persons, therapeutic horseback riding services, off road wheelchair recreation services.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Over \$15,666 of CDBG funds were expended to provide services to 131 severely disabled adults and children. Information, referral and interpreter services were provided by Mojave Deaf Services to residents of the First Supervisorial District, San Bernardino Unified School District provided transportation services to vocational training for disabled students residing in the Third Supervisorial District, off-road wheelchair and instructional services were provided by U.S. Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC) to disabled persons from the Third Supervisorial District.

- **Children/Youth Services**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Provide youth gang intervention services; guidance and character building services; recreation, counseling and motivational services; Summer swimming and after school activities; music education activities; self-esteem and youth leadership education; outdoor camping experiences; self-reliance education programs; youth mentoring skill training and character development services; anti-gang outreach and education services; and, cultural and historical education services.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Just over \$461,600 of CDBG funds were spent to provide forty (40) service programs to over 20,607 low-and moderate-income youth and their families. The agencies that provided these youth services include:

- Redwood Elementary School, West Fontana
- Boy Scouts Old Baldy Council
- Bloomington Parks and Recreation
- Redlands Boys and Girls Club
- Redlands Recreation Department
- High Desert Youth Center
- Barstow Police Association
- Kids Club, Joshua Tree
- Los Padrinos
- Adopt-A-Bike/Computer
- Twentynine Palms "Choices" Program
- San Bernardino Child Advocacy
- Victor Valley Museum
- YMCA of Redlands – Phelan Branch
- Boys and Girls Club of San Bernardino
- Boys and Girls Club of Crestline
- San Andreas Council – Campfire
- Arrowhead Regional Medical Center
- Redlands Community Music Association
- Boys and Girls Club of the High Desert
- The Book of Acts

- East Baseline Little League, Highland
- Cypress and Warm Springs Elementary Schools, Highland
- Y-Alliance, Redlands
- Barstow Boys and Girls Club
- Colton Fire Department – Explorers
- Boys and Girls Club of Fontana
- City of Montclair
- City of Chino
- One-2-One Mentors
- Morongo Basin Tennis Club
- San Bernardino County Museum
- Operation Breakthrough
- Greater American Care Center – “Success House 1”
- Campfire Boys and Girls, Mt. San Antonio Council
- Victor Valley Community Dental Service Program
- YMCA of Redlands – Highland Branch
- Apple Valley Door of Hope
- Mojave Basin Youth Corps

Additionally, over \$48,054 were spent to provide four (4) child care programs serving 508 children from low- and moderate-income families. The agencies that provided these child care services are: Soroptimists International of Big Bear Valley, Somos Hermanas Unidas in Redlands, Joshua Tree Kids Club, and Cypress and Warm Springs Elementary Schools in Highland.

- **Social Services**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Provide legal immigration counseling and assistance services; legal aid services to low income and elderly persons; transportation services for expectant mothers to medical health and well baby services; substance abuse counseling and treatment services; substance abuse prevention education services; domestic violence shelter services; supportive services for tenants in HOME Program funded housing; employment information, education and vocational services; tenant/landlord mediation and counseling services; child care services including tuition assistance; after-school child care services; employment training child care services; homelessness prevention case management assistance; mental health counseling services, social service information and referral services; meal programs for homeless persons; hospice services; health clinic services, emergency food and clothing services; family emergency/disaster recovery services; tattoo removal services; advocacy services to abused and neglected children; emergency counseling and assistance services; Alzheimer’s Disease support and education services; library services; and, fair housing counseling and referral services.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: More than \$160,349 CDBG funds were used by twenty-nine (29) social service, outreach, and counseling programs to assist almost 7,620 low- and moderate-income persons. Agencies that provided **health and welfare** services

include: Family Service Association of San Bernardino/Crest Forest Community Services Council, Morongo Basin Red Cross, Al-Shifa Health Care Clinic in Muscoy, Mojave Valley Volunteer Hospice, Barstow Pregnancy Center, Oasis Counseling in Barstow, and High Desert Red Cross in the Victor Valley, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center and Child Advocacy of San Bernardino.

Agencies assisting with **substance abuse** include Operation Breakthrough in Big Bear. **Other social care service** providers funded under this category include: Operation Grace in San Bernardino, Mojave Deaf Services in the Victor Valley, PAL Center in Muscoy, and United Way of the East Valley in Redlands, Partnerships with Industry, and the GENTS Organization.

Agencies assisting with providing **homelessness** services include: Eternal Light Ministries in the City of Big Bear Lake, Inland Temporary Homes in Loma Linda, Family Services Association of Redlands, Hi-Desert Homeless Shelter in Victorville, and Home of Neighborly Service - Colton. Additional information on homeless shelter services and domestic violence shelter services is contained previously in this document under the Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Section.

- **Crime Awareness and Prevention Services**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Provide vehicles for citizen-patrol community-safety services, sexual assault crisis intervention and counseling, teen violence prevention services, community clean-up and juvenile diversion services.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Approximately \$82,763 of CDBG funds were used to provide for crisis intervention and counseling, and substance abuse prevention education. San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services provided crisis counseling and support services in the Cities of Redlands and Yucaipa. San Bernardino Communities Against Drugs provided youth leadership education services for substance abuse prevention to 7,264 youth in the Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

Additionally, the Bear Valley Citizen Patrol conducted security services. The Barstow Youth Accountability Board provided guidance and community service to 56 youths. WestCare provided substance abuse prevention counseling to 234 youths and their families in the Needles area. The Arrowhead Regional Medical Center provided tattoo removal services to low- and moderate-income residents of the Fifth Supervisorial District.

- **Education, Training, Legal and Referral Services**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Provide literacy education services and employment training and placement services.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Approximately \$161,195 of CDBG funds were spent providing thirty-one (31) education, training, legal, and referral service programs. Adult

literacy programs were provided at fourteen (14) locations and assisted over 702 persons. Agencies providing legal aid services include Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino and West End Legal Aid Services. Legal immigration services to 270 persons were provided by Libreria Del Pueblo in the Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts and in the City of Barstow. Employment education and vocational services were provided by the Asian-American Resource Center in San Bernardino. Cultural awareness education was provided by the county museum in Redlands, the Morongo Valley Library, and by the Fontana Native American Indian Center.

Strategy 4: Accessibility Needs - Assist governmental entities in complying with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) through provisions for identifying and eliminating barriers which restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly and handicapped persons.

During the next one (1) to five (5) years, the County hopes to accomplish the following activities to benefit residents of cooperating cities and unincorporated areas:

- **Removal of Architectural Barriers**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Replace playground equipment to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements; install ADA-compliant playground equipment; and, rehabilitate park restrooms to allow ADA-compliant accessibility.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Nearly \$82,960 of CDBG funds were spent to complete accessibility improvements and remove architectural barriers at four (4) facilities or locations. ADA compliant improvements to restrooms at the Bear Valley Community Hospital, at Lillian Park in Barstow, and at Old Baldy Boy Scouts facility in Ontario included wider doorways, improved partitions and installation of ADA compliant fixtures. Wheelchair accessibility improvements were constructed at 28 intersections throughout the City of Chino Hills, and on the campus of the Copper Mountain Community College. Further, the design and bid specifications were completed for completion of wheelchair curb cuts at various locations in the City of Redlands and at the Copper Mountain Mesa Community Center for construction during fiscal year 2002-03.

Strategy 5: Historic Preservation - Encourage and support the restoration and preservation of sites and structures that have historical significance when such restoration/preservation activities comply with the CDBG program national objectives.

- **Historic Preservation**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Relocate and/or rehabilitate historic buildings.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: CDBG funds totaling nearly \$147,315 were spent on replacing rotting wood beams at the Barton House in Redlands, and for replacing missing plaster detailing and painting and sealing the exterior surfaces and replacing the roof of the Colton Museum. Historic preservation improvements to permanently relocate and

rehabilitate the historic Bloomington Garage were under construction. The historic preservation and environmental review was completed for recapping and resurfacing the adobe walls at the San Bernardino County Museum and the Assistencia Museum in Redlands. Additionally, the historic preservation and environmental review for replacement windows at the AK Smiley Library was completed. Further development of the scope of work was underway for the Warrens Well building rehabilitation project in the Town of Yucca Valley and the Yorba Slaughter Adobe Museum drainage improvements project in South Chino.

Strategy 6: Economic Development - To promote the long-term economic viability of communities throughout the County Consortium area.

- **Business Expansion Loans**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: to continue utilizing approximately \$996,400 of CDBG funds for business expansion loans, leveraging a minimum of \$1,496,000 in private financing and equity investment. These loans would be directed toward the stabilization, expansion and/or creation of business and industry. As a result, at least 20 jobs for low-and moderate-income persons would be created or retained.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: \$1,019,529 of CDBG funds were expended to make loans to 6 businesses to create and/or retain 91 new permanent jobs, principally for low-and moderate-income persons. Four of these businesses are still in the process of expanding their facilities and/or purchasing equipment and did not create jobs this year; two of the businesses created a total of 7 (6 for low/mod income persons) jobs this year; one business retained 52 (36 for low/mod income persons) positions.

- **Small Business Enhancement Loan Program**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: to continue utilizing approximately \$125,000 of prior year CDBG funds for business expansion loans to small businesses for creation or retention of jobs through the stabilization, expansion or creation of business and industry. The Small Business Enhancement Loan Program (SBEL) may provide \$5,000 to \$50,000 in financing to a small business, which is defined as having annual sales of less than \$1.0 million.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: \$187,750 of CDBG funds were provided to 5 businesses during this fiscal year with the result of creating 5 permanent positions, 5 for low-and moderate-income persons.

- **Micro-Enterprise Loan Program**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Utilize approximately \$125,000 of prior year CDBG funds for business expansion loans to small businesses for creation or retention of jobs through the stabilization, expansion or creation of business and industry. The Small

Business Enhancement Loan Program (SBEL) may provide \$5,000 to \$25,000 in financing to a small business, which is defined a for-profit entity with five or fewer employees, one of whom owns the business and is directly involved in the provision of goods and services offered by the business.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: \$52,915 of CDBG funds were provided to two businesses during this fiscal year with the result of creating 2 new, permanent jobs for low- and moderate - income persons.

- **HUD Section 108 Loan Program**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: utilize approximately \$475,000 in 1995-96 Economic Development Initiative (EDI) funds as a debt service reserve (\$205,000) and as capital (\$270,000) for a small business financing program. The County combined the EDI funds with \$1,360,000 in HUD Section 108 funds to implement the countywide business financing program. The program allows business owners to expand their operations and create new jobs, of which persons meeting low-and moderate-income requirements must fill 51% or more.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: No Section 108 loans were made. Existing projects created 14 new jobs, 10 for low- and moderate-income persons.

- **Technical Assistance**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Through the County's Office of Small Business Development, and the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center and Creative Business Services, Inc., San Bernardino County has provided technical assistance, as requested, to businesses. Those businesses receiving assistance included small businesses, micro-enterprises, and public agencies located in the County. Technical assistance would be provided for business expansion purposes.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: \$50,000 of CDBG funds were spent under contract with the Inland Empire Development Center to provide technical assistance to 1109 businesses, which resulted in the creation of jobs at many of these businesses. The County's Office of Small Business Development was allocated \$159,000 of CDBG funds and utilized this amount along with funds from other sources including the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) to provide technical assistance to 2,121 businesses.

Strategy 7: Code Enforcement - Improve the safety and livability of target neighborhoods through provisions for code enforcement services coupled with programs which correct or cause the removal of blight and blighting influences and other conditions detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of residents.

- **Code Enforcement**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Provide inspections for compliance with building codes and implement neighborhood revitalization programs.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: \$144,870 of CDBG funds were spent to assist seven (7) code enforcement programs resulting in the inspection of nearly 3,984 properties in target area neighborhoods. Buildings were inspected for compliance with local building codes in Adelanto, Barstow, Colton, Highland, Loma Linda, Redlands and Montclair. Additionally, code enforcement inspections of housing structures were conducted within the Southwest Highland target area.

- **Demolition/Clearance**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Demolish and clear substandard abandoned commercial and residential buildings.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: Approximately \$163,352 of CDBG funds will be used to reimburse costs for demolishing and removing twelve (12) structures that presented health and safety concerns in the City of Needles, and in the unincorporated Second, Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

- **Blight Abatement**

Proposed FY 01/02 One-year Action Plan: Provide blight abatement, including clearance of illegal dumping sites and graffiti removal.

Actual FY 01/02 Accomplishments: \$504 of CDBG funds were spent to remove debris, trash and abandoned vehicles from seven (7) sites located in the unincorporated Third, Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts. Remaining costs will be paid in fiscal year 2002-03. Additionally, graffiti was removed from 3,675 sites in Montclair, West Fontana and from unincorporated areas in the Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts at a cost of \$131,196.

CONCLUSION

This concludes the Annual Performance Review for the 2001-2002 Action Plan. The Department of Economic and Community Development wishes to acknowledge the support of the County Board of Supervisors. ECD also wants to recognize the able assistance provided by the fourteen cooperating cities, numerous County departments and an even greater number of non profit agencies, in planning and carrying out the over 200 programs and projects covered in this report. The success of the three HUD programs discussed here allows Congress the latitude needed to continue the full funding of these grants to local governments.

APPENDIX A

County of San Bernardino
Department of Economic and Community Development
2000-2005 Consolidated Plan and 2001-2002 Action Plan
Annual Performance Review

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 17, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor, San Bernardino, CA. The purpose of the hearing is to review the County's accomplishments during the past fiscal year under the 2001-02 increment of the County's 2000-05 Consolidated Plan.

BACKGROUND

Each year since 1975, the County of San Bernardino has qualified to receive federal housing and community development grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. In 1999, HUD renewed the County's qualifications to receive funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) programs during fiscal years 2000, 2001 and 2002. The CDBG funds are for eligible projects in the unincorporated communities and fourteen (14) cooperating cities. These cities are Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Chino Hills, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, and the Town of Yucca Valley. For the purpose of these grant funds, this area is referred to as the "County Consortium. In addition to these cities, the cities of Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto and Victorville have been approved by HUD to participate in the County's HOME Program Consortium.

In 1995, HUD combined the HOME, ESG and CDBG programs into a single grant application process. As part of the grant application, the County is required to submit a document that addresses the strategies and priority needs for using these three grant programs over a five-year period. This document is called the Consolidated Plan. The County adopted its new five-year Consolidated Plan on April 18, 2000. That Plan covers fiscal years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05. To receive the 2001-02 CDBG, ESG, and HOME grant funds, the County prepared an Action Plan to address the housing, homeless, economic development and community development strategies of the "Consolidated Plan." The 2000-05 Consolidated Plan and 2000-01 Action Plan was submitted to HUD on June 6, 2001 for funding approval. During the past fiscal year, the County has carried out the Action Plan through a wide variety of grant funded construction, public service, housing and economic development and homeless assistance activities.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

At the end of each September, the County submits detailed reports to HUD covering the past year's activities, accomplishments and expenditures. The County combines the annual HOME, ESG and CDBG reports into a single Consolidated Plan Annual Performance Report pursuant to HUD Consolidated Plan regulations. At the public hearing, staff from the Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD) will present the County's 2001-02 Annual Performance Review (APR) and receive citizen's comments. The APR will summarize the County's performance and accomplishments in carrying out programs and projects to meet the various goals and strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

For a period of fifteen (15) days beginning on September 3, 2002 and ending on September 17, 2002, the public is invited to submit written comments on the Annual Performance Review. Comments received after 5:00 p.m. September 17, 2002 cannot be considered in the preparation of the Annual Performance Report to HUD. Send comments to County ECD at the address shown below. A draft copy of the APR will be available for public review during the public comment period, at the ECD address also.

Those individuals wishing to express their views on the Annual Performance Review may be present and be heard at the public hearing or may, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Second Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0130.

If you challenge any decision regarding the above proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Due to time constraints and the number of persons wishing to give oral testimony, time restrictions may be placed on oral testimony at the public hearing regarding this proposal. You may make your comments in writing to assure that you are able to express yourself adequately.

San Bernardino County
Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD)
290 North D Street, Sixth Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0040
Attn: Program and Compliance Section
Or call (909) 388-0959

FRED AGUIAR, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

J. RENEE' BASTIAN, CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPENDIX B

CITIZEN COMMENTS

As of September 12, 2002, the County Economic and Community Development Department had not received any citizen comments on the draft 2001-2002 Annual Performance Review (APR). If citizen comments are received by September 17, 2002 or at the September 17, 2002 public hearing before the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, they will be incorporated herein.

